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SUBJECT: NOUAKCHOTT CHIEF OF POLICE TO VISIT US

1. DJIBRIL SALL, CHIEF OF POLICE FOR NOUAKCHOTT, PLANS TO ATTEND FIFTH UN CONGRESS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME HELD IN GENEVA SEPTEMBER 1 TO 12. SALL THEN EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO US IN ORDER TO ATTEND 82ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AT DENVER FROM SEPT 13 TO 18.

2. SALL IS YOUNGER BROTHER OF ABDOUL AZIZ SALL, FORMER PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY OF PARTI DU PEUPLE MAURITANIEN. ELDER SALL WAS RECENTLY NAMED (NOUAKCHOTT 1708) TO KEY POSITION OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR NATIONAL GUIDANCE. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TRYING FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO GET YOUNGER SALL TO US; IDEAL OPPORTUNITY HAS NOW COME UP UNEXPECTEDLY, AND WITH MAJOR PORTION COST BEING BORNE BY GIRM. EMBASSY VERY MUCH HOPES WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN ARRANGE EVEN AT THIS SHORT NOTICE, PROGRAM OF AT LEAST ONE WEEK OF VISITS AFTER CLOSE DENVER MEETING WITH PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. SALL IS ONE OF KEY PERSONS IN GIRM CONCERNED WITH COMBATTING TERRORISM AND PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN NOUAKCHOTT. UNLIKE HEAD OF MAURITANIAN SURETE WHO IS GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR FROM CORPS CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, SALL IS PROFESSIONAL POLICEMAN WITH TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT MATTER. SEVERAL DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN THESE FIELDS WOULD, WE BELIEVE, PAY RICH DIVIDENDS

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IN FUTURE.

3. WE HAVE NOT RAISED WITH SALL POSSIBILITY OF ADDING WEEK OR SO TO HIS US SCHEDULE, BUT WOULD LIKE TO DO SO PRIOR TO HIS AUGUST 28 DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA. WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT HE COULD BE ABSENT FROM NOUAKCHOTT LONG ENOUGH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF 30-DAY IV GRANT. IDEAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE PARTIAL GRANT FOR WEEK OR MORE, COMMENCING AFTER DENVER CONFERENCE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF THIS IS POSSIBILITY. SALL WOULD REQUIRE FRENCH-SPEAKING INTERPRETER. ALSO REQUEST THAT CONFERENCE AUTHORITIES IN DENVER BE APPRISED OF SALL'S PLANS TO ATTEND MEETING.

4. SALL IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO ATTEND INTERPOL CONFERENCE THIS OCTOBER IN BUENOS AIRES. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL TRANSIT US ENROUTE TO ARGENTINA.HANDYSIDE

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